

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTION{PRIVATE }
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION**

Name and address of applicant: John Searcy
601 Willow Lake Dr.
Franktown, CO 80116
303-332-2019

Is approval for a private pond permit application recommended? Yes

Location of pond:

County: Carter **Legal description:** T8S R55E Sec 7, SESENE

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

Searcy's pond is located in the East Fork of the Little Powder River drainage.

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout

Is this species legally present in the drainage?

Yes in other farm ponds

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

None

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations:

☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Major

Comments: No significant impacts are expected. In the unlikely event the stocked fish escape downstream, Thermal intolerance and lack of water in the supporting drainage would eliminate all trout.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation?

☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Major

Comments: No other fish exist in this drainage except in farm ponds. No impacts expected.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?

☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Major

Comments: Fish will consume some invertebrates in pond.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location:

☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Major

Comments: Trout will not spawn in this pond habitat

If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked? Yes.

Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
No.

Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).

Do not stock.

Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any. Species restrictions.

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:

None.

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:

Notification via State of Montana electronic bulletin board.

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? YES/NO? If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action. No. Impacts expected to be minor.

EA prepared by: Brad Schmitz **DATE:** April 20, 2008

Comments will be accepted until: May 6, 2008

Comments should be sent to:

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